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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/601,729	Applicant(s) SPRINKLE ET AL.	
	Examiner CLINTON OSTRUP	Art Unit 3771	

All Participants: (1) CLINTON OSTRUP. (2) KENNETH SMITH.

Date of Interview: 8 July 2009

Type of Interview:
☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Status of Application: Amended

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Time: PM

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:
Possible 103 rejections based on the newly amended claims.

Claims discussed:
1, 3, 4, 30, 33, and 35.

Prior art documents discussed:
Raje et al., (6,823,869) & Scarberry et al. (2002/0100479)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/Clinton Ostrup/
 Examiner, Art Unit 3771
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 Supervisory Patent Examiner

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted Mr. Smith and informed him that he was trying to get the application in condition for allowance and suggested incorporating the limitation of claim 3 into that of claims 1, 33 and 35. Mr. Smith agreed to incorporate the material of claim 3 into claim 1. Mr. Smith argued that claim 33 already had "a retaining ring permanently secured to the shell inside said side wall by sleeves that are heat staked on posts" which distinguished it from the prior art of record. The examiner agreed that the limitation in claim 33 was sufficiently different from the prior art and made claim 33 allowable over the prior art of record. Mr. Smith then argued that by adding this limitation to claim 35, claim 35 should then be allowable over the prior art. The examiner agreed and it was mutually agreed that the amendment would be done by Examiner's Amendment. The dependency of claim 30 was also changed to depend directly from claim 1, as claim 3, from which claim 30 depends would be cancelled.